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(57) **Abstract:** The invention provides an imaging element comprising a support having thereon, in order, at least one imaging layer, at least one interlayer containing a lubricant which provides scratch-resistance and at least one outermost layer containing a different lubricant which provides abrasion-resistance and a method of processing the element. The element has increased durability, especially with regard to scratch- and abrasion- (especially photoabrasion-) resistance, whilst retaining performance and ease of manufacture. Preferably the element is for use in the manufacture of printed circuit boards or the production of printing plates, wherein abrasion and scratches are particularly acute.